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1. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF OAS AFFAIRS, SERGIO MORENO, GAVE EMBOFFS RUNDOWN OF GOC PLANNING FOR OASGA DURING INTRODUCTORY MEETING FEBRUARY 19.

2. AS REPORTED REFTEL, GOC HAS ESTABLISHED COORDINATING COMMITTEE DIRECTED BY HIGHLY QUALIFIED AND ENERGETIC RICARDO CLARO. WORKING LEVEL ASSIGNMENTS NOW BEING MADE AND FULL COMMITTEE TO HOLD FIRST MAJOR WORK SESSION MARCH 15. ORGANIZATIONALLY, COMMITTEE HAS TWO BROAD COMPONENTS: CONFERENCE ADMINISTRATION AND PARTICIPANT FACILITATION. LATTER HAS SUBCOMMITTEES FOR RECEPTION, SECURITY, LODGING, INFORMATION/PRESS, AND DELEGATE ASSISTANCE. SUBSTANTATIVE PREPARATIONS AND CONFERENCE BACKING ARE UNDER DIRECTION OF FOREIGN MINISTRY DIPLOMATIC ADVISER ENRIQUE

3. IN ORDER TO AVOID CONFLICT WITH AMPHYTRIONIC CONFERENCE OF LA PRESIDENTS IN PANAMA, GOC IS PREPARING FOR RESCHEDULING SO THAT OASGA WOULD CONVENE ON JUNE 1 RATHER THAN ON 10THM

4. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL EMPHASIZED GOC'S INTENTION TO OPEN DOORS TO MEDIA, IMPOSE "MINIMUM RESTRICTIONS" ON PRESS, AND PERMIT FULL COVERAGE OF DOMESTIC SCENE AS WELL AS CONFERENCE. OUR SOURCE SPECULATED THAT DELEGATE

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SECURITY WOULD BE THOROUGH BUT DISCREET, SINCE GOC

RECOGNIZED OVERWHELMING PRESENCE OF UNIFORMED PERSONNEL, WHILE ACCEPTABLE IN A COSTA RICA, WOULD BE INTERPRETED DIFFERENTLY IN CHILEAN SITUATION, SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE HANDLED BY DIRECTORATE FOR NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE (DINA).

5. FOR SECURITY AND ADMINISTRATIVE REASONS, GOC PLANS TO CONCENTRATE DELEGATIONS IN CARRERA AND SHERATON HOTELS, HAVE PRESS IN ANOTHER AND TECHNICAL STAFF IN A FOURTH. FOREIGN MINISTRY WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING AT AN EARLY DATE THE APPROXIMATE SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF US DELEGATION.

6. MEETING ITSELF TO BE HELD IN DIEGO PORTALES BUILDING, CONSTRUCTED FOR 1973 UNCTAD CONFERENCE. GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN OVER MOST OFFICE SPACE IN BUILDING, BUT MINISTRY HOPES TO SPRING SOME OF IT FOR CONFERENCE. THERE IS LITTLE CHANCE THAT INDIVIDUAL DELEGATIONS WILL HAVE OFFICES IN BUILDING. ACCORDING TO FOREIGN MINISTRY, OAS CONFERENCE PERSONNEL NIMO AND ECHELAR WERE VERY PLEASED WITH SITE.
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